Remarks:

Paragraph [0065] of the specification (referring to Figs. 11-13 as indicated in specification paragraph [0063]) states "Moreover, instead of one center-mounted spirit level 52, there is a spirit level 52 mounted at each end of the device."

However, Figures 11 did not depict this disclosed embodiment and Figures 12 and 13 included inadequate informal corrections (as indicated in specification paragraph [0064], "V"-shaped notches 72 are formed in the level along the longitudinal extent thereof). Accordingly, said Figures are amended herewith as indicated in the Annotated Sheets to bring the Figures into conformity with the specification.

If an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested.

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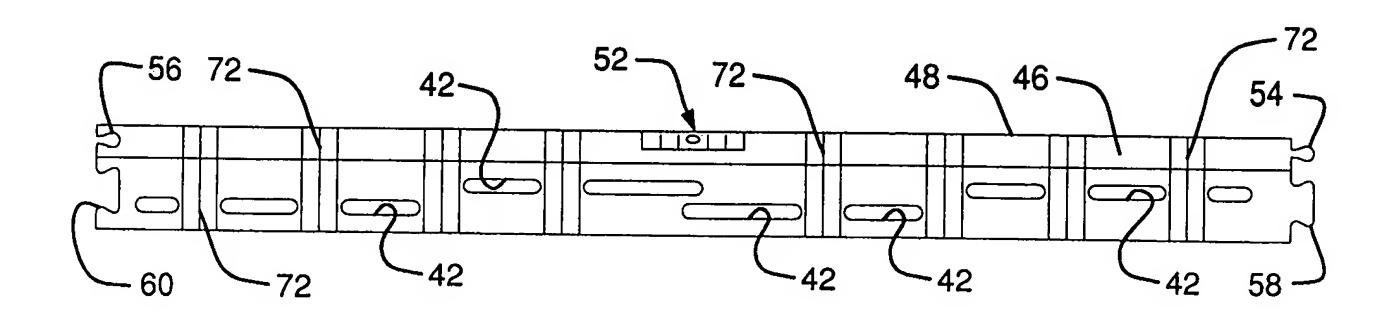


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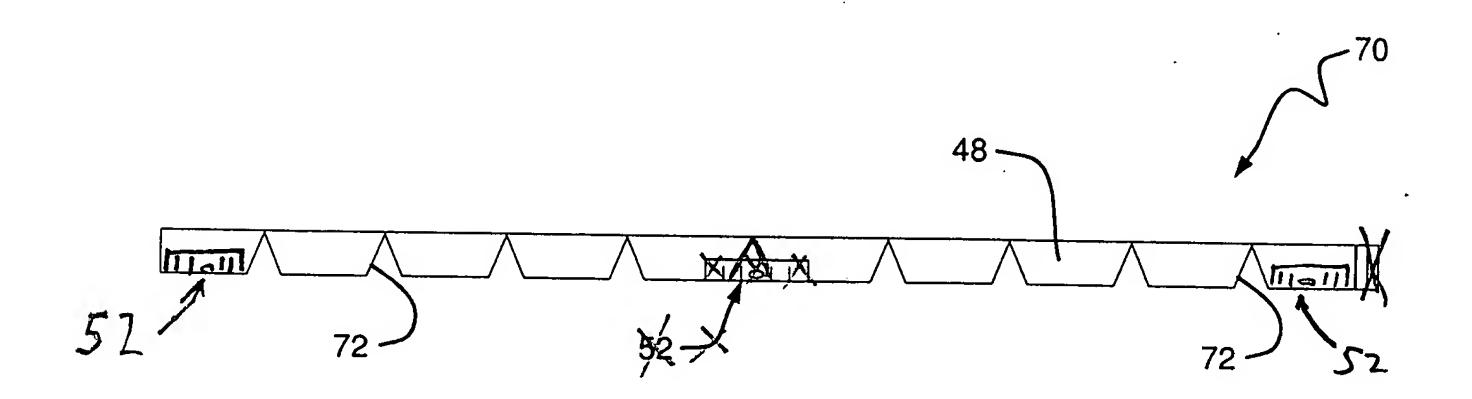


FIG. 12
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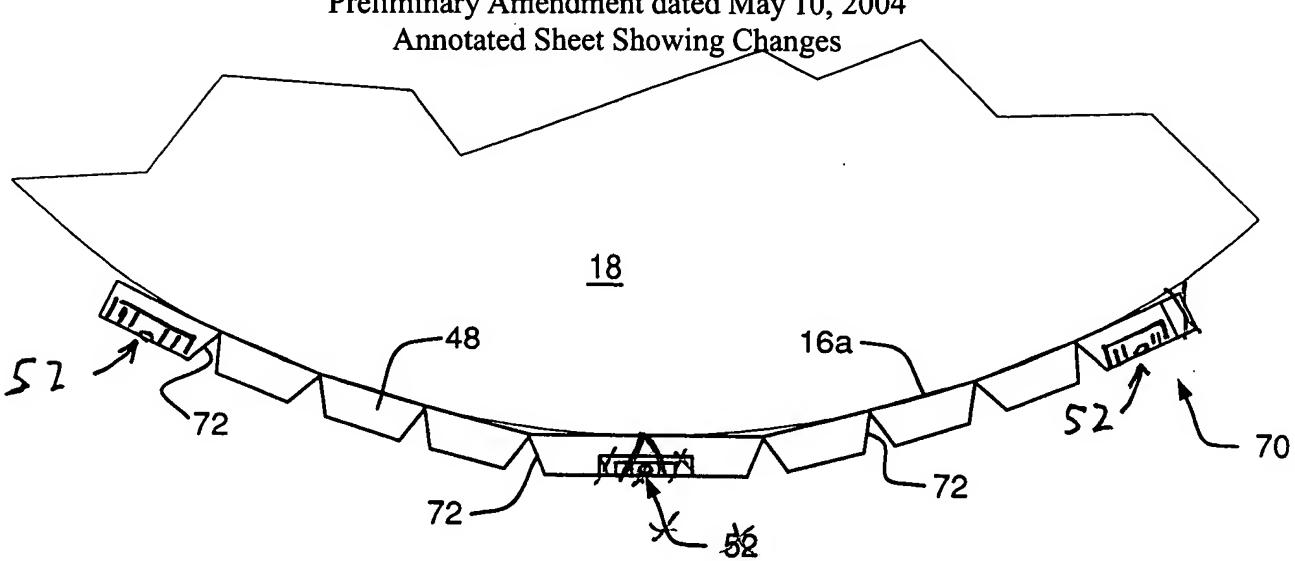


FIG. 13

